

CHRISTMAS TREE IN CITY HALL SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 5 O'CLOCK.

Final preparations are now being made for the big community Christmas tree which will be held in the city hall Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Chief Otis Powers has been busy collecting funds and articles for the tree which will be added to what the city authorities will donate making the event one of the largest of its kind ever held in Hendersonville.

Mayor C. E. Brooks is enthusiastic over making many glad hearts among the poor and needy of the community. A large list of names of those who will participate in receiving useful gifts has been handed in.

Sam T. Hodges' name has been added to the committee in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Hodges is one of the city's hardest workers in organizing events and his aid will go a long way in making the second Community Christmas tree a success.

DECLARES DIVIDEND.

The Citizens National Bank held a directors meeting this week at which time the regular semi-annual dividend of 1 per cent was authorized payable after January 1, 1917. The affairs of the bank were found to be in a flourishing condition. Nearly \$4,000 was paid out during the past few days in Christmas saving club accounts. This feature of the bank is the source of a great deal of pleasure among the customers.

Explanations.

Isaac—Abraham, Abraham, why did you go and tell my wife that I stole the "bling you lost?"

Abraham—Isaac, you make a terrible mistake. I only said that if you had helped me to look for it, sure, I could have found it.

Isaac—Then, Abraham we still are old friends, shake hands, "exchange."

Once Was Enough.

Said six-year-old Agnes to her brother, "I'm cousin of the same person as you will be to the 'Piscopal School, James.'"

"What do you have?" asked James.

"Thoughts of Christmas in his mind."

"We have lovely music," replied the more spiritually minded Agnes, "and Bible stories and the Collect every Sunday."

"Nothing doing," said James indignantly. "I had the colic once and it nearly killed me. You can't make me go where they have it every Sunday."

PROTOCOL NOT SIGNED BUT IS NOT REJECTED.

General Carranza's representatives on the Mexican-American joint commission made to the American members the admission that the protocol signed three weeks ago at Atlantic City had not been ratified. They supplemented that admission, however, with a declaration of the attitude of the Carranza government and assured the Americans that the delay in ratification did not signify the rejection of the agreement three months of consideration.

The exact character of the communication from the Mexicans was not made public, but it was evident at the close of the conference that both Americans and Mexicans regarded as probable the official sanction of the probable official sanction of the sessions at which it has been planned to discuss questions at issue between the government of the United States and Mexico.

To Give Linen Shower.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will give a Linen Shower at the home of the Misses Carson on East Fourth avenue on Friday afternoon of next week from three thirty to five thirty.

The shower will be for the benefit of the Old Soldier's Home at Raleigh which is very much in need of sheets, towels and pillow cases owing to the fact that nearly all of the linens belonging to the Home were destroyed by fire incidental to the burning of the Model laundry at Raleigh a few weeks ago. Hence the local daughters are giving this linen shower and are extending a most cordial invitation to the public to attend and thus help the old soldiers.

A silver offerings from any to whom it may not be convenient to bring linen will be most acceptable.

Miss McVie Jervoy, of Charleston who has been spending some time in Hendersonville, will spend the holidays in Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Anna Crowder and her mother, Mrs. Crowder, will leave today to spend Xmas with Mrs. Johnson of Union, S. C.

Robert A. Smith of Charleston, was in the city this week looking after the cabbage plant farm belonging to N. H. Blitch of Charleston. Mr. Blitch plans to begin shipping some of the plants as soon as the snow gets off the ground.

CIRCULATION Is What the Merchant Buys When He Advertises.

The Hustler has taken twenty-four years to gain its present circulation. At an expense of not a cent less than \$500 per year or in round figures \$12,000 is the cost of securing and maintaining the Hustler's circulation during that time.

Do you wonder why leading business men have faith in the advertising columns of the Hustler?

When you buy newspaper space in Hendersonville think first, buy circulation, and get your money's worth.

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Hendersonville, N. C.

FASSIFERN NEWS.

Monday night Fassifern girls had a mock Xmas tree.

While in the act of taking the part of Santa Claus Miss Temple Zollicoffer, was slightly burned when a part of her costume caught fire. The fire was quickly extinguished by the students present. Miss Zollicoffer was confined only a day to her rooms. She left Wednesday for her home in Weldon, where she will remain during the holidays.

Mrs. McVie and Miss Shipp served the young ladies light refreshment after the presents had been distributed. Dancing continued until a late hour.

All the students left Tuesday and Wednesday for their homes for the holidays, returning January 10.

FOR SALE OR SERVICE—Guernsey bull. See R. P. Freeman at the depot. 12-21-16

ALBERT COX APPOINTED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Albert L. Cox of Raleigh, was named yesterday by Governor Craig as Superior court judge for the seventh judicial district to succeed Judge Charles M. Cooke, of Louisburg, resigned.

The governor made no statement in connection with the appointment. The new judge will resign from the National Guard service. He is now at home from the Mexican border on a thirty days furlough.

Mr. Cox is thirty-five years old, son of General W. R. Cox and has been prominently identified with public affairs in Wake county for a number of years. He is senior member of the law firm of Cox and Cox, and enjoys lucrative practice.

AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH TURKEY UNSETTLED.

American relations with Turkey are so unsettled that the state department does not plan to take any action toward the confirmation of Fuad Bey, named by Turkey as ambassador, until that country gives consideration to American representations and interests.

Refusal of the Turks to allow nearly 2000 Americans and naturalized Americans to leave Turkey at Jaffa, the conduct of the Turkish authorities in their treatment of the Syrians and Armenians and the abrupt termination of the capitulations or extra territorial agreements, has created a situation which is postponing action by the department in the confirmation of the new ambassador.

Fuad Bey has been chosen by the Turks to succeed the last Turkish ambassador, Rustem Bey, who was practically recalled for refusing to retract derogatory statements made in a public letter comparing negro lynchings in this country to persecutions in Armenia. Fuad Bey is said to be a diplomat of much experience, having been minister at Belgrade at the outbreak of the war.

What Mike Meant.

In Indianapolis lives a young woman of wealth and philanthropic inclinations who has founded a club of street urchins. One Sunday evening she invited three of the members to be her guest at her home. The youngsters asked to be taken over the place. They eyes grew bigger and bigger with admiration. Finally the smallest of the trio could contain himself no longer, and he burst forth: "Honest to Gawd, this is the most notorious house I ever was in!"

"Why, Mike," asked his hostess, "what do you mean?"

"Beautiful! Just beautiful!" said Mike.—Saturday Evening Post.

A Long Wait.

Policeman (giving evidence)—After being elected from the cinema he was discovered with a large bouquet in his arms on the doorsteps of the back entrance to the picture palace.

Magistrate—Did he give any reason for his extraordinary behavior?

Policeman—His speech was very indistinct, your worship, but from what I could gather 'e was waiting to see Mary Pickford home.—Passing Show.

J. Fox Justice who has been in Atlanta on business returned to the city last Monday.

H. PATTERSON TO MAKE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

About \$3,000 will be expended on the interior of H. Patterson's two department stores sometime during the early part of next year.

The owner of the building Mr. Hobbs, a prominent business man of Greenville, expects to make it a modern department store for Mr. Patterson. The basement will be remodeled and the second story will be arranged and the partition on the ground floor will be removed making the building the largest department store in the city.

In addition to the above improvements Mr. Patterson will place an order for new fixtures to cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000 for his ladies' and men ready to wear goods. It is his intention to place all of his high class goods under glass with sliding racks the same as is used in large city department stores.

In speaking of this year's business Mr. Patterson said: "We have already gone far ahead of last year's business in spite of the threatening strike and floods of last summer. This is our twelfth year in business in Hendersonville and every year we have grown some. We contribute our success more to two things than any others, namely, giving the people what they want at low prices and advertising in Hendersonville newspapers. We used about 5,000 inches of advertising in the Hustler last year. Next year we will no doubt increase this in proportion to our gross business."

"Hendersonville is a good town and I have great faith in its future," remarked Mr. Patterson.

MOVIE MAKERS LEAVE.

The company of motion picture producers of the Fox Film corporation who came here last week for the purpose of filming a mountain picture to be known as the "Wisp of the Mountains," have departed for the south, the heavy snowfall causing them to abandon making the picture here after some of the scenes had been filmed. The picture would not adapt itself to winter scenes and therefore another location had to be chosen. The members of the company, which included Miss June Caprice, who is claimed by William Fox to be a second Mary Pickford, were well pleased with Hendersonville and will return here probably next spring to make a feature picture.

Miss Helen Fisher is at home, from Davenport College, Lenoir, N. C. to spend the holidays with her parents.

Last Call Before Xmas!

Today, Friday and Saturday Closes the limit on Money Saving Bargains.

Just a Few More of those Sweet Juicy California Oranges Left. \$2.75 a Box

SUGAR (White Plantation Sugar.)	
25 Pounds.....	\$1.90
13 Pounds.....	\$1.00
100 Pounds.....	\$7.50
Try this. Cheap and just as good.	
LARD.	
60 lb Tub Compound.....	\$9.00
20 lb Pail Compound.....	\$2.95
10 lb Pail Compound.....	\$1.50
5 lb Pail Compound.....	.75c
FLOUR (White It Lasts)	
88 lb bag.....	\$1.25
48 lb bag.....	\$2.15
24 lb bag.....	\$1.10
The above is VERY BEST Fancy Patent soft wheat flour.	
COFFEES.	
3 lb White House.....	.85
3 lb Caraja.....	.70
Southern Supply Blend 4 1/2 lb.....	\$1.00
CANNED VEGETABLES.	
Bridal Spinach No. 18, per doz	\$1.00
Bridal Corn No. 2, 15, per doz	\$1.50
Bridal Peas No. 2, 15, per doz	\$1.60
Bridal Asparagus, 25, per doz	\$2.75

Bridal Lima Beans, 18, per doz	\$1.90
Bridal Cut Ref. beans, 15, per doz	1.60
Fancy Small peas, 13, per doz	\$1.40
Tomatoes (Va. Pack), 13, per doz	\$1.40
Beets, fancy, 13, per doz	\$1.40
Fancy Corn, 13, per doz	\$1.40
Pumpkin, Fancy, 13, per doz	\$1.40
Potatoes, 13, Per doz	\$1.40
CANNED FRUITS.	
Bridal Cal. Peaches 25 can, doz	\$2.75
Bridal Cal. Apricots 25 can, doz	\$2.75
Bridal Cal. Pears 25 can, doz	\$2.75
Bridal Cal. Plums 20 can, doz	\$2.25
Bridal Cal. White Cherries, 30c can, dozen	\$3.50
Bridal Cal. Pineapples 20 can, dozen	\$2.25
Apples, No. 3, 10c, dozen	\$1.00
Pie Peaches No. 3, 12c, doz	\$1.25
Blackberries No. 3, 12c, doz	\$1.25
RICE—Extra Fancy Head, 16 lbs for \$1.00. (The Japs whipped the Russians on Rice.)	
BIG HOMINY—Old style, 3 cans for 25c. (You can see the old ash hopper as you eat it.)	

PRUNES—Big one, 10c 1b straight (Sunny California Valley goods.)	
EVAPORATED PEACHES—10c 1b, 3 for 25c (Save doctor bills.)	
WHITE BEANS—12 1-2c 1b. (Pretty high but more food value than meat.)	
If you don't want to cook the beans, we have them steam cooked by the biggest packer in the world who specializes on Beans: Van Camp	
No. 1 size 10c, 3 for 25c, 1 doz.....	.95c
No. 2 size 15c, 2 for 25c, 1 doz.....	\$1.45
No. 3 size 20c, 3 for 50c, 1 doz.....	\$1.95
It will be a long time before you can buy at these prices again. Get yours while you can.	
We have a LIMITED QUANTITY of each of the SPECIALS LISTED below, and you will have to hurry to see George on this:	
Libby's No. 2 Sliced Hawaiian Pine Apples 18c, \$2.00 per doz.	
California Extra Standard Apricots, 2 1-2 size, 15c, \$1.95 per doz.	
California Extra Standard Peaches in heavy syrup, 30c per can and ONE	

CAN FREE with each can purchased. SEE!	
Cluster Raisins.....	15c 1b
Cocoanuts large, 3 for.....	25c
Oranges.....	15 & 20c doz
Grapefruit, 5c per each straight.	
Mixed Nuts.....	15c per lb
Seeded Raisins, Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, all kinds of nuts for your FRUIT CAKE.....	
Today, Friday and Saturday closes the time limit on these Money Saving Bargains.	
Just a few boxes of those sweet juicy California Oranges left. Order quick. \$2.75 PER BOX.	
Cotton seed meal bright prime \$2.10 per bag. \$41.00 ton. Just 300 bags at these prices.	
Hulls \$1.05 per bag. "Big Chief" \$2.20 per bag. Shorts \$1.60 per bag. "Champion" \$2.10 per bag.	
Friday 22nd Hospital Day, 2% of our gross receipts will again be donated to Patton Memorial Hospital as our Christmas Present.	

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